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Applicant: IIZUKA, Thoru et al. Conf.:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

August 29, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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4. (Amended) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the topping rubber includes 30 to 60 parts by weight of carbon black with respect to 100 parts by weight of the rubber base.